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## Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review

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This is in response to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed <u>5/2/2006</u> .	
<ol> <li>Improper Request – The Request is improper and a conference will not be held for t reason(s):</li> </ol>	he following
<ul> <li>☐ The Notice of Appeal has not been filed concurrent with the Pre-Appeal Brief Requ</li> <li>☐ The request does not include reasons why a review is appropriate.</li> <li>☐ A proposed amendment is included with the Pre-Appeal Brief request.</li> <li>☐ Other: .</li> </ul>	est.
The time period for filing a response continues to run from the receipt date of the Notice of the mail date of the last Office communication, if no Notice of Appeal has been received.	Appeal or from
2. Proceed to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences – A Pre-Appeal Brief conference. The application remains under appeal because there is at least one actual issue for a is required to submit an appeal brief in accordance with 37 CFR 41.37. The time period for brief will be reset to be one month from mailing this decision, or the balance of the two-mor running from the receipt of the notice of appeal, whichever is greater. Further, the time peri appeal brief is extendible under 37 CFR 1.136 based upon the mail date of this decision or of the notice of appeal, as applicable.	ppeal. Applicant filing an appeal of time period of the officer officer of the officer officer of the officer of
The panel has determined the status of the claim(s) is as follows:  Claim(s) allowed:  Claim(s) objected to:  Claim(s) rejected: 1, 4, 6, 7, 16, 21, 25, 26.  Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:	
3. Allowable application – A conference has been held. The rejection is withdrawn and Allowance will be mailed. Prosecution on the merits remains closed. No further action is reapplicant at this time.	l a Notice of quired by
4. Reopen Prosecution – A conference has been held. The rejection is withdrawn and action will be mailed. No further action is required by applicant at this time.	a new Office
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